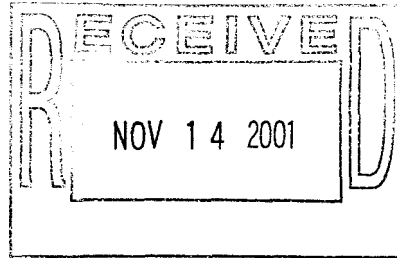




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**RE: Protected Species Special Exemption Permits;
Docket No. 001031304-0304-01**

Dear Ms. Terbush:

As director and veterinarian of the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, an accredited member of the American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA), we are writing to fully endorse AZA's comments with regard to the National Marine Fisheries Service's proposed regulations pertaining to the public display of marine mammals.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Regards,

Jim Anderson
Director

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